

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers was held Oct. 24, 2005, called to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance: Chief Al Galinelli, James Sousa, Robert Miner, Norman Blank, Brian Remy, and Carolyn O'Brien. Also in attendance: Scott Little, Dennis Beaulieu, Dennis Roderick, & Fred Cavallaro.

Minutes from previous meeting: Motion to accept as submitted by Norman Blank, seconded by Brian Remy; unanimously approved.

Correspondence: Distributed to individual companies. Department IDs distributed.

Old Business: Final HazMat class rescheduled for Sat., Oct. 29th at 8:30 a.m., Station 3. Chief will meet with Phil Simmons and Fred Serpes from Bristol about next Firefighter I & II class.

Hose testing still in progress.

Barrington RIEMA drill went well. Chief somewhat disappointed Warren not requested to be more involved since we are closest town.

Safety Officers: E-2 Walter Krychta; E-3 John Oliver; E-6 Deborah Tetrault; Ladder Peter Bento; E-1 and E-5 still not determined. Peter Lamb will conduct class on requirements. Bob Miner will have class on accountability. Chief ordered vests and helmets to be designated "Safety Officer". John Oliver & Peter Bento will be in charge of group;

there will be no officer titles designated.

New Business: Cox being notified to remove station numbers from phone book; department criticized by ISO because they were in the book. Station phone bills out of control; we pay calls based on commercial rates per minute, even for local calls. Chief wants members to be reminded to curtail calls, and only to make local ones.

Dennis Roderick letter of resignation as rescue lieutenant eff. Nov. 1st; also requesting 3 month LOA due to work commitments. Motion by Robert Miner, seconded by James Sousa, to accept with regret; motion unanimously passed.

Sta. 6 submitted request to have Touisset boat ramps improved; boats difficult to launch now. Norman Blank said he would like copy of request sent to town manager for consideration in next budget year. Chief will forward with a memo.

Chief stated whenever there is a fire in another town, at no time will any member of this department use gear, etc. from another department to assist them. Norman Blank stated our members should not be responding on their own anyway. Chief also stated when told not to drive over hoses, they are not to do it.

Chief stated there is a seatbelt requirement in the department. Whenever apparatus in motion, seatbelts are to be worn.

Chief stated there are to be no personal vehicles driven by non-members following apparatus to a call.

Fire gear bids received. FireMatic - 20 sets - \$19,520; Shipmans - 35 masks - \$5,775; Ossipee - 35 pagers - \$16,800. Some will be held back from gear for fit tests. Asst. Chiefs & captains to review who is going to calls; gear, etc. to be called back from anyone not responding.

Chief stated there is a probie wearing a members gear with the members name on it. Chief stated name must be removed; and, since it was not department issued, department will not be responsible if anything happens to the gear.

20 new portable received through a homeland security grant. Chief needs sewer plant frequency to add to them before distributing. Each radio has ID number to identify user. Old portables and chargers to be returned at time of new issue. Chief also to get new vehicle radio which will ID portables. Chief said some old portables will be put on the trucks, some placed at Sta. 5, and some left at HQ.

Amy Sanderson-Roderick resigned at rescue L-2; only one lieutenant left. Chief will meet with Jim Sousa, Norman Blank, and Bob Miner to discuss rescue situation. Meeting to be Oct. 26th at 7:00 p.m. in Chief's office.

Chief sent memo to town manager about replacing Claudine Almeida. Chief said he may wait until next fiscal year, and request full-time EMS coordinator.

Chief distributed information on 4 teenage firefighters who died in line of duty, while traveling in personal vehicles. Chief wants this posted at all stations.

Chief distributed lists of outstanding pagers; he wants to know if any of these have been returned.

Thank you letter from Swansea distributed to individual companies involved.

Chief received letter from EMS that some individuals did not renew their licenses.

Croade St. to be closed Thurs., Oct. 27th from 1:00 p.m.-midnight due to fundraiser at India Restaurant. Town will pay for firefighter detail.

11 Emery Road, Touisset, now known as 4 Circuit Drive.

Ladder truck to be at KMS for aerial photo shot at noon, Nov. 9th.

Station Reports: Sta. 5 - Plymovent System should be installed by next week. Sta. 6 - working on well; Chief has not heard from

architect. Rescue ramp - still trying to get someone. Brian Remy suggested trying to get Alan Patterson (Santa Claus). Sta. 2 - needs a plumber to reconnect gas elbow for hot water tank. Brian Remy to handle.

Training: Nov. calendar distributed. Jim Sousa will check with Portsmouth re: use of MCI trailer on Nov. 30th.

Other: Twigg's won bid for Bronco & plow - \$711.

Overhead doors being left open; please keep closed now.

Chief trying to set up meeting with Dave Valley of National Weather Service to schedule a presentation.

Warren & Swansea sponsoring joint class/training on "Close Calls", Case High School, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please make every effort to attend.

Norman Blank advised Chief he will be out of town Fri., Oct. 28th through Sun., Nov. 30th.

There being no further business to discuss, Norman Blank made motion, seconded by Robert Miner, to adjourn. Motion unanimously passed; meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.